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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US/UK RENEGOTIATION MEETINGS MAY 16

1. THIS MESSAGE DISCUSSES SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS TO RESUME IN LONDON MAY 16 FOR 3 TO 5 WEEKS.

2. BACKGROUND: DURING RECENT (FEB. 28-MARCH 11) ROUND OF CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS, DELEGATION MADE USE OF SERVICES OF AMERICAN LOCAL HIRE SECRETARY DURING PERIOD MARCH 2 THROUGH MARCH 12. DURING THAT PERIOD 82 HOURS WERE WORKED, INCLUDING OVERTIME AND WEEKEND HOURS. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY OFFICE HANDLING CIVAIR, WHICH HAD AT THAT TIME ONE STATE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, ONE FAA SECRETARY AND ONE LOCAL SECRETARY FOR MARITIME ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE, SUPPLIED CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE CIVAIR DELEGATION.

3. AT TIME OF NEXT ROUND OF CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN MAY 16 AND GO ON TO JUNE 3, 10 OR 17, EMBASSY CIVAIR OFFICE PROBABLY WILL HAVE ONLY ONE SECRETARY TO HANDLE FOUR SEPARATE OFFICES INSTEAD OF THREE NOTED ABOVE. MARAD LOCAL SECRETARY HAS RECENTLY LEFT OFFICE AND MAY NOT BE REPLACED FOR SOMETIME. FAA SECRETARY LEAVES EMBASSY APRIL 30 AND WILL NOT BE REPLACED IMMEDIATELY. REMAINING FSS  
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SECRETARY WILL BE HANDLING WORK OF TWO STATE OFFICERS AS WELL AS ASSISTING WITH FAA AND MARAD OFFICES. IN ADDITION SINCE MEETINGS WILL RUN INTO SUMMER VACATION AND TRANSFER PERIOD, EMBASSY WILL BE SHORT OF SECRETARIAL HELP.

4. TO ENSURE THAT LARGE US CIVAIR DELEGATION, IN FINAL STAGES OF RENEGOTIATION OF BERMUDA AGREEMENT, WILL HAVE

FULL SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH THEY WILL REQUIRE,  
EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING ACTION BY DEPARTMENT:  
MENT:

- A) ASSIGN A FOREIGN SERVICE REGIONAL SECRETARY TO LONDON  
TO WORK FOR DELEGATION THROUGHOUT ENTIRE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS; OR
- B) BRING WASHINGTON-BASED SECRETARY TO LONDON ON TDY.
- C) IN ADDITION TO ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS ABOVE, AUTHORIZE  
FUNDS FOR EMBASSY TO HIRE LOCALLY A RESIDENT AMERICAN  
SECRETARY ALSO TO WORK FULL-TIME THROUGHOUT NEGOTIATIONS  
PERIOD.

5. WILL APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S FAVORABLE RESPONSE.

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